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generated spirit fall, for the most part, within the lines of the supernatural. Nor have external miracles wholly ceased. The emergent necessity that they should occupy a conspicuous place in the eyes of the world has, indeed, not occurred since the primitive age of Christianity; but it is by no means certain that it will not recur,—that it may not now be near at hand. Meanwhile, no age has been without its authentic phenomena, which admit only a miraculous interpretation. This theory attaches an antecedent probability to the prophecies, revelations, and miracles recorded in the Scriptures, which, so far from being intrusions upon, or interludes in, the order and harmony of the universe, are coincident with the whole system of its administration. We accept this theory in its essential features, and rejoice in the ability and lucidness with which it is here developed. Nor yet have we any conclusive argument to urge against such miracles, in the common sense of the word, as are alleged to have taken place in modern times, and even within Dr. Bushnell's own knowledge. Yet, in the chapter devoted to this subject, some things are related to which we are hardly prepared to give full credence. They may have taken place; but they certainly need a closer investigation than we feel sure has been given to them. But whatever may be thought of this one chapter, it may be set aside without invalidating the general course of argument, in which the author has rendered a most important service to Christian faith, both as regards the external facts of our religion and the more recondite experiences of its true disciples.

17. — *Suffolk Surnames.* By N. I. BOWDITCH. Second Edition, enlarged. Boston: Ticknor and Fields. 1858. 8vo. pp. 383.

MR. BOWDITCH's plan commenced with "Suffolk Surnames," but has been so enlarged as to embrace a very extensive survey of our own country, several copious English lists, and not a few names that are neither American nor English. The subject certainly is of the driest,—not so its treatment. The book is full both of wit and humor. It classifies surnames in the several groups suggested by their meaning or derivation, and arranges each group in such a way as to bring out the curiosities, oddities, and incongruities of this department of literature in the fullest prominence. At the same time there is a liberal interspersion of personal anecdotes, always entertaining, sometimes valuable; and without the show of learning and the elaborate dulness of Lower's book, and other English works on the subject, Mr. Bowditch has contrived to give us nearly all of erudition which properly belongs to it.